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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8241

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2090

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NI, SF

SUBJECT: FMG HOSTILITY TO "DIALOGUE"

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: LAGOS 1870

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MARCH 4, SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL EXPLAINED REASONING BEHIND FMG OPPOSITION TO CONTACTS BETWEEN NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.
  2. REFERRING TO RECENT REPORTS OF PRIVATE VISITS BY NIGERIAN BUSINESSMEN (AFP, JANUARY 28) AND NIGERIAN EDITOR (CAPETOWN 243, LONDON 3200 NOTAL) TO SOUTH AFRICA, HE CONTENDED THAT SUCH ACTIONS LED TO UNFORTUNATE "MISUNDERSTANDING" THROUGHOUT AFRICAN CONTINENT. SAG SEIZED ON PRESENCE OF THESE VISITORS TO STRENGTHEN IMPRESSION THAT ITS POLICY OF "OPENNESS" WAS PRODUCING RESULTS AND THAT NIGERIA WAS WILLING TO DEVELOP RELATIONSSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA. IN EFFECT, VISITORS WERE
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BEING "SUED" BY SAG TO ADVANCE ITS OWN INTEREST (AND

INCIDENTALLY TO EMBARRASS FMG), AN IT WAS FOR THIS REASON  
THAT FMG SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE THEIR TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. SAME RESONING APPLIED TO MEA STATEMENT DENYING IMPENDING  
SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN LAGOS IPI CONFERENCE (REFTEL).  
NEGATIVE DECISION , SOURCE SAID, REFLECTED BASIC FMG POLICY OF  
DISCOURAGING CONTACTS WHICH SAG WOULD INEVITABLY EXPLOIT TO  
CLAIM NEW CONVERTS TO "DIALOGUE". IN LIGHT IPI THREAT TO  
SHIFT CONFERENCE VENUE ELSEWHERE (REPORTED TO VOA VIS USINFO),  
HOWEVER, SOURCE SUGGESTED FMG STANCE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE  
MIGHT YET BE SOFTENED.

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